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The American dream comes true for Bel Aire man

By Chris Hunter

As children, we are taught to follow our dreams. From America to Yemen, it is no different.

Then there's Mohammad Awad-Eljied's

Born in a little village in Sudan called Hagagab near the Blue Nile to middle-class family, Awad-Eljied, one of a eight children, was pushed from an early age to attend school

was pushed from an early age to attend school. "Education was so important to our parents," Awad-Eljied said. "They believe that is the only way we could succeed. They did not want us to

be farmers."
Awad-Eljied said his farming background is part of what brought him to Kansas.

"You can take the boy out of the farm, but not the farm out of the boy," Awad-Eljied said. "I have my own garden in my back yard."

Attending school took a two-mile walk, Awad-Eljied said. His school was in the middle of several villages.

Each village was a different tribe in Sudan. "We were one family," Awad-Eljied said. "You have the whole village raising you. That is what I liked."

While Awad-Eljied continued his education, one event changed his life forever.

When Awad-Eljied was 12, a cousin with a black-and-white battery-operated television sat down with members of the village, including

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Mohammed Awad-Eljied of Bel Aire sits in his Edward Jones Wichita office just outside of Bel Aire. Awad-Eljied, a Sudanese native, is a member of the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce and president of the local Lions Club.

Chris Hunter



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Brandon and Heather Pierce help their daughter Sydney with her candy at the Bel Aire Day parade on Sept. 13. Wet weather could not stop the parade.

Rain fails to deter Bel Aire celebration

By Chris Hunter

With heavy rains hitting the Bel Aire area, many events for Bel Aire Day were forced inside Sept. 13, but the show — at times soggy — went on

Bel Aire Day kicked off with the Boy Scout breakfast held outside the Bel Aire recreation center

After the breakfast, spectators were able to rake in tons of candy from the annual parade.

"We were putting the stakes out to mark the floats and it was pouring down rain and we sat in the car and talked for little bit," said Bel Aire Day chairman Carolyn Marlier. "We said to heck with it, we are going to have it anyway. It didn't rain on the parade at all."

Politicians, churches, emergency vehicles and other organizations had floats in the parade and threw out loads of goodies for the children and handed out literature to the parents

Tootsie Rolls, gum and suckers were the most prevalent as children picked up each and every piece.

One participant in the parade was Jenna Lasher, the daughter of City Administrator Ty Lasher, who was named last year's Miss Sunflower Princess.

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Sales tax for roads will be on Nov. ballot

By The Breeze staff

The Bel Aire City Council passed an ordinance in September putting the question of a 1-percent sales tax on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

If the proposal passes, the tax would be implemented for 10 years and set aside to use for new streets or the reconstruction of existing streets.

The tax is projected to bring in about \$140,000 per year for Bel Aire.

The proposal was first discussed at a town

hall meeting in July.

Money from the sales tax would help pave the roads in developments along 53rd North

between Oliver and Woodlawn.

The sales tax proposal met with little opposition at the town hall meeting.

City denies construction of ashram

By Meagan Patton

More than 25 smiling faces and a room full of approving applause followed a unanimous Bel Aire city council decision Sept. 4 that denied a religious group a special-use permit to build an ashram on 45th North.

The Satguru Kanbir Gurusaheb Foundation was denied the permit Aug. 14 at a planning commission meeting after sharing their intentions to build

a metal Kabir Panth Ashram, a residential structure with a private driveway and a large parking lot, all on the north side of 45th North, just west of Sunrise Christian Academy.

An ashram is generally used for Kambir Sabeth religious education or meditation, said planning commission representative Darrell Atteberry.

The property, Atteberry said, is presently zoned as residential. Churches, schools and like

buildings can be allowed in residential areas with a special use permit.

"It is a situation where in some places within the single family residential, it would be fine to go ahead and have a church," said mayor Ed Parker. "But in other places it wouldn't make sense."

But due to the overwhelming opposition from surrounding residents, which included multiple objection testimonies,

four letters and a signed petition from 18 citizens, the city council upheld the commission's decision to deny the request.

"I really don't feel with my background I'm in a position to override anything the planning commission does," said council member Teresa Reynolds. "They put a lot of work into their decisions."

At least four out of five coun-

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Mayor's corner By Harold Smith

Good news on land sales

There is some good news to report this month about land sales. The city has a signed contract to sell two parcels of land. One is for 35 acres at 45th North and Webb. The buyer is the Graham-Michaelis Corp. They will complete the development of the light industrial park that lies south and west of Wickham Glass. We see this as evidence that the development along Webb Road is now ready to extend north of 45th.

The other contract is for five acres with the Physicians Development Group. This land is south and east of City Hall and directly south of the land the city wants to see developed as our town square. The Physicians Group has plans to build a medical building. With this and with Ron Peake's residential addition and with our own Central Park addition, it looks like Rock Road up to 53rd North is ready for development.

At the October 7th Council Meeting we will discuss the selection of a real estate company to help market the rest of our land.

Sales tax — The council approved placing the sales tax question on the Nov. 4 election ballot. This allows citizens to decide the issue. There is no cost to the city for this election if it is included in a regular election, which is what we have done.

The proposal is for a 1 percent city sales tax that will be used only for funding street improvements. The tax would run for 10 years unless the council decided to cancel the tax sooner. The main point here is that we really do have a need for a lot of street improvements and a sales tax would help get this done.

Bel Aire Day — Bel Aire Day is now over and we have already started planning for next year. We would like to hear your suggestions! Bel Aire Day 2008 was a success, even though we had to make adjustments hour by hour as we tried to outguess the weather. I think we all added a few more gray hairs (I know I did), but in the end we were lucky with only two light showers during the day and no wind. The Special Events Committee and the co-chairmen for Bel Aire Day are to be congratulated.

Memphis Street — The council approved a bid from APAC-Kansas Inc. in the amount of \$149,632 to rebuild part of Memphis Street. This is part of the city's annual street improvement program.

Election battleground: How would Jesus vote?

Turn on your TV and it's there. Flip on your radio and it's all that they are talking about. Go by the water cooler at work and you will hear your coworkers voicing their opinions on this subject. What could possibly have so much power over a nation, a people, a culture that it would cause young and old, rich and poor, male or female to have such differing opinions?

Politics and the 2008 election.

The only subject that I have found to be more controversial than religion has been politics. It doesn't matter if you are sitting down for dinner with family you have known your whole life or talking with your dearest friends in the middle of the church lobby, the subject of politics is quick to divide or bring together.

In my family there are some more interested in politics than others. This year I invited friends over for a Super Bowl party; this November my wife will be inviting her friends over for an election night party. Don't get me wrong, I still care about our nation and what's going on, but I just can't stand to watch it for 24 hours a day for several more weeks. Is it just me or has the elections become like Christmas in retail stores? It just keeps coming earlier and earlier every year!

With the inevitable to happen in November, I must come to some kind of decision on who I am going to vote for. Then I got to thinking: Who would Jesus vote for? I seriously doubt that Jesus would have been a Republican, Democrat or an Independent. So that again brings up the question: Who would Jesus vote for? Or how would Jesus vote? What process would he use in making this decision?

I believe that Jesus would have started with what he did best: Prayer. The Bible tells us in James 1:5 that "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." If Jesus needed to know who to vote for, then asking for wisdom from God would be a great starting point. Before I go to



By Joe Cowell

the polls this Nov. I will definitely ask the Lord for wisdom.

After Jesus prayed I believe that he would vote according to principles rather than just policies. Policies for politicians often change and sometimes the voter is unsure which policies will be effective if given an opportunity. I don't think Jesus would be as concerned with policies as he would the principles of the person he was voting for. Policies change, but principles stay the same. A candidate's position or principle belief on abortion and the sanctity of marriage should be important to how a believer would vote.

What would Jesus do after the November elections? I believe that he would do exactly what he did in the beginning: Pray. No matter who is voted in, whether or not you like them, the Bible is pretty clear that we must pray for them. I Tim. 2:1-2 says "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and all those in authority ..." No matter who is in office, as a Christian I will pray for them. I don't have to agree with them to pray for them.

Before the election, I believe Jesus would pray and vote according to principles more than policies. After the election, I believe Jesus would pray for whoever ended up winning the elections. Who would Jesus vote for? Why don't you just ask him?

Rev. Joe Cowell is an ordained minister with Assemblies of God. With his wife Glenda, he will be planting a new church in the Bel Aire area in the next year. Reach him at 371-5486 or hopeag@gmail.com. See www.hopeag.net.

Vote on policies, not person or party

With November right around the corner, we'll soon be headed to polls.

You have probably noticed this presidential election has lasted longer than any in our country's history

With the election starting at the birth of both candidates, McCain about 3.5 million years ago and Obama in the '60s, it is hard to filter out facts from half-truths by the candidates, commentators and the pundits (kind of like me saying McCain is 3.5 million years old, when he is actually 72).

From the extremely inaccurate book by Jerome Corsi, "The Obama Nation," which has about the same journalist credibility as the National Enquirer, to ads of the candidates from both sides pasting in quotes completely out of context, we must attempt to crack the code that is an American presidential election.

This election is about the issues, not the political parties or the presidential candidates themselves.

Some surrogates of the candidates like to play up their candidate's biography and not the issues such as McCain campaign manager Rick Davis who, on Sept. 2, said, "This election is not about issues. This election is about a composite view of what people take away from these candidates."

I hope that neither Sen. McCain nor Sen. Obama believes this and that they will lay out their plans for America's future for all to see.

We must vote for the issues that will help our country pull out of the crises we face. From the quagmire in Iraq to the continuing plunge of the economy, we must elect someone who has a plan to fix our problems.

It may be difficult to sort through the barrage of advertising and pundits to get the facts. However, information on the candidates is at your fingertips.

The best sources for the information on the candidates and their views and for breaking through lies range from the candidates' Web sites and the network news to Internet sites such as Pollster.com and Factcheck.org.

While I personally watch every news channel available on cable and listen to political talk radio (yes, even FOX Noise and Rush Limbaugh), I would not recommend it because there is so much to break down that it takes its toll on you.

Hunting for the truth By Chris Hunter

If you can't afford to spend every minute of your day watching every news channel and really want to get just the straight facts, ignore MSNBC, CNN, FOX, the radio programs of the left and right and extremely partisan Web sites.

Other groups to be careful of listening to are religious leaders, union leaders, party leaders, friends and family members as they may distort the facts and only present what they want you to here. While I am not saying you should ignore them all together, listen to them, but look up what they have to say and determine for yourself.

Check out the campaign Web sites of McCain and Obama. Each has a section called Issues where you can see how each feels on certain issues. I would urge you to steer clear of the advertising put out by both sides.

Probably the best place on the Web is Factcheck. org, an independent, non-partisan site that attempts to debunk falsehoods in the elections, and there are a lot.

I would urge everyone who is planning to vote to look up the facts and make up their mind based on their overall findings, and not just single issues. A candidate may not have similar beliefs on taxes as you, but they may have the better economic and energy policy that will benefit you and the country.

When Election Day comes around please be prepared by knowing the issues.

Your duty, as Americans, is to make the right decision for the country, whether you believe that would be Barack Obama and Joe Biden or John McCain and Sarah Palin.

Chris Hunter is a reporter for The Bel Aire Breeze. Reach him at 755-0821 or hunter@arkvalleynews.com.

Party planners deserve thanks

While the rain may have dampened plans for many town festivals in September, we would like to commend Bel Aire for continuing with Bel Aire Day Sept. 13.

Instead of canceling events and saying "We can't do this," the coordinators of Bel Aire Day rolled with the punches to make sure the show went on.

While some of the vendors may have not shown up and participation in a few of the events had been lower than expected, Bel Aire Day was a success.

We appreciate the Boy Scouts' effort in working their annual breakfast in the parking lot of the recreation center, both before and after the parade.

The parade was a success with several residents standing along the streets being greeted by local politicians, church groups and, of course, candy.

We were able to see the excitement on the faces of the children and the parents as the floats came by. Moving the events inside the recreation

center may have cramped things a little bit. However, it was a smart move and still provided a fun atmosphere for those who attended.

While we enjoyed the Bel Aire talent show, we hope for more participation in the future and would like to see the event continue.

We would like to thank all of the organizers and workers who showed up to work the events of Bel Aire Day.

A community festival is a necessary event for any town. What better way to instill a sense of community then have a day of fun and games for families?

Also, we would like to thank the citizens who attended Bel Aire Day. Without them, Bel Aire Day would not be possible or necessary.

We look forward to next year.

— The Bel Aire Breeze

Letter to the editor

Knighton an advocate

I am proud to be a Republican and equally proud to support Billie Knighton, the Democratic candidate for state representative in District 85. It's great to see knew faces and ideas in the 2008 campaign, and Knighton offers these fresh qualities. Her values, knowledge and caring are needed to bring change now.

A clinical social worker, parent and former educator, Knighton understands our state's educational needs, whereas her opponent has an extremely poor record of support for education. She has been endorsed by the KNEA. She cares that Kansas has the lowest state minimum wage in the nation and will work for more livable wages for our workers, together with a strong economy for all Kansans. Her opponent, on the other hand, blocked a vote to address the minimum wage.

She knows affordable health care is needed for all Kansans and will fight any efforts to erode benefits for seniors and the disabled.

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Knighton will listen and be an energetic, proactive advocate for you.

Carolyn Marlier, Bel Aire

The Bel Aire Breeze

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"She enjoys putting that stuff on, so we thought (the parade) would be a fun thing for her," Lasher said. "My wife drove her in the car in the parade."

When the parade was over, attendees returned to the recreation center where children bounced in a moonwalk inside the gym. Music also filled the gym as kids were able to visit with the Crime Dog Mc-

"We had a lot of people," Marlier said. "We moved everything inside because of the mud. It didn't help, but it didn't hinder."

While kids bounced in the moon-walk, parents were able to register their children with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department or register to vote at a booth set up by Democratic candidate for Congress Donald Betts.

Lasher said his family enjoyed the events, including the ice cream social, talent show and bingo.

"We wish there had been more entries in the talent show," Lasher said. "There were four entries, but it was fun. I am sure next year we will have more after more gets out about it."

Marlier said only two of the four vendors showed up. The police department gave hot dogs to the kids.

Trolley rides were a big success

for residents in Bel Aire.
"A lot of people just rode the trol-

leys to see Bel Aire," Marlier said.
"They said they hadn't seen parts of Bel Aire."

After enjoying themselves at the recreation center, families concluded the night with a screening of the Disney film "Ratatouille."

"Everyone seemed to be having a great time from the beginning until the end of the movie at about 9 p.m.," Marlier said. "Everybody seemed to enjoy it."

Marlier said she enjoyed Bel Aire

Day.
"It all came together very well,"
Marlier said. "I can't praise everyone enough. I was tired, but it was a
nice tired."



Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith tosses strawberry hard candies to a group of children on Sept. 13. Festivities went on despite the wet conditions.

Chris Hunter



Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North www.belaireks.gov • 744-2700 Open Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8 Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

Yoga — A new Yoga class has begun at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:10 p.m. For information call 744-2700.

Girls Basketball — Registration is under way for girls ages 5 through 12. The registration deadline is Sept. 26. Practices begin Oct. 13 with games beginning on Oct. 25.

Little Dribblers — A coed instructional basketball program for 4-year-old boys and girls. Registration deadline is Oct 3 and games will begin on Oct. 25.

Boys Basketball — Registration is underway for

> are out. Leave outdoor lights on in the eve-

• Lock all doors at night and every time you leave the house,

• Don't leave vehicles unsecured or

• Don't leave anything of value, or anything that looks in plain view in your

boys ages 5 through 11. Registration deadline is November 14; games will begin in December.

Maximize Basketball **Instruction** — Group, individual and specialized basketball instruction is offered at the recreation center. For information call Brent Atwater at 744-8841 or 807-1036.

Taekwondo — We are accepting registrations for 5-year-olds and up for both taekwondo classes. The classes meet on Mondays and Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m., or on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:10 to 8:10 p.m. These are great classes from beginners to black belts.

Tai Chi — This is a great low impact workout for everyone 15 and up. Classes meet Saturdays at 9:30a.m.

The New City of Bel Aire Web site!

Coming Soon!

To provide better content and more responsive service, the City of Bel Aire will launch a newly redesigned Web site this fall. Features will include:

- Online Surveys
- Interactive Community Calendar
- Citizen Request Forms
- Document Center
- Breaking News

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quickly locate your

(like TVs, electronic

ers, etc.) since serial

to track stolen items.

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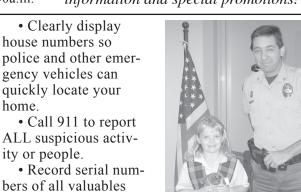
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For more informa-

ity or people.

- E-mail Subscriptions
- On-Demand Video
- Online Bill Pay (Coming in 2009)

Watch the Bel Aire Breeze, Local Channel 7 and www.belaireks.gov for more information and special promotions!



Tessa Lies of Bel Aire, left, accepted a McGruff Dog from Bel Aire police Sgt. Harry Spencer. Lies won the dog at the department's booth during Bel Aire Day Sept. 13.

Crime Tips from the Bel Aire Police **Department**

- Close garage doors when not outside to reduce access to personal property.
- When on vacation have someone pick up newspapers and mail. • Don't leave bi-
- cycles, lawnmowers or other property in your yard unsecured. Store them in a locked garage or shed.
- Leave indoor lights on when you

Water Policy Changes

Amended at July 15

Council Meeting

Water bills are due upon receipt

f the hill. You are given until the

10th of the following month to pay

nection fees are now \$50.

shall be subject to shut off.

delinquent consumer a Notice

to Stop Service that requires the

consumer to contact the City to

make either full payment or pay-

the bill in full. Water and sewer con-

Delinquent water bills: Shut-

off notices remain the same. Any

customer who has not paid their

utility bill for services provided by

the City by the 12th of each month

The City shall forward to each

• Install motion sensor lights on the front

- of your house.
- even if it's just to work in the yard.
- keys left inside.
- like it may have value,

ment arrangements within seven (7) working days, or the service will be terminated. Cost to shut the water off for non payment is \$50, and the cost to turn the service back on after the delinquent payment is made is \$50, for a total of \$100.

6000.

Late fee or penalties: Pe ties are assessed to your account at the rate of 10 percent of the unpaid balance of your bill. Full payment is required each month (includes all water used and any late payment due by the 10th of the month) by 5 p.m. If the 10th falls on a weekend or City holiday, the consumer must deposit their payment in the City drop box no later than 8 a.m. the first working day following the

Mailing payments: Give enough time for your payment with the bottom part of your water bill to arrive at City Hall. It takes up to six days for us to receive a payment in the mail. Since we do not get our mail until around noon or later, we do not wait for the mail.

If you would like to view or receive a copy of the Utility Policy, it is available at City Hall.

Return Check Charge is now \$35. Re-read meters: Meter re-read or leak inspection beyond one per service year is \$40.

Direct withdrawal from your bank account: You may stop by the Water Department and sign up to have your water bill payment taken out of your bank account on the fifth of each month. You will need to bring a blank check marked void to have your account set up. It only takes a few minutes to fill it out.

WHERE TO CALL

744-6000
11 and a Bel Aire police officer will respond.
744-2451, EXT. 132
744-8609
744-2700
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Police Clerk Cynthia Rankin		
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Recreation Director Brian Hayes		
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Bel Aire Senior Club

Activities are held at 4551 N. Auburn unless otherwise noted. Those 55-plus are welcome to participate. For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, at 744-1199. The club is selfgoverned and not under city control. Activities benefit all participating seniors.

• Free blood pressure check, 10 to 11 a.m., first Tuesday of each month at Park City Senior Center (sponsored b Hospice Care of Kansas)

Breadbasket in Newton

- Mondays 10 a.m., computer class at Park City Senior Center (no charge)
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., exercise class

Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m.

Nov. 6

Tuesdays

• Wednesdays 2:30 p.m., free line dancing lessons at the Park City Senior Center, beginning Oct. 1.

Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. Board meeting Pizza at 4551 N. Auburn (pizza furnished by 11:30 a.m. Grasslands Senior Housing) Program: Fraud and identity theft. Plan to attend 1 p.m. this informative program and find out how to protect your money. (sponsored by Emprise Bank) Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m. Cholesterol and blood sugar checks at Park City Senior Center (fasting recommended) Foot care, Park City Senior Center (call Harris by appoint. Healthcare 721-4828 for an appointment) Oct. 15, 10 a.m. Men's coffee at Braum's Oct. 22, 2 p.m.

Ladies coffee/tea at Jimmie's Diner Oct. 27, 6 p.m. Covered dish dinner. Hosts: Pat Dunfee & Helen Duncan Program: Lt. Patti Peterson with the Sedgwick

County Fire Department Oct. 31, 1 p.m. Flu shots available at Park City Senior Center Halloween Party, at the home of Harold and 6 p.m. Carolyn Smith

> Day trip to Lawrence. The \$69 fee includes all admissions, transportation and lunch. Fee due in full by Oct. 25. Reservations by calling Vicki at 744-1199.

Bel Aire Senior Center to Host New Classes This Fall

Beginning Oct 7, "Bridge 101" will be held each Tuesday at 7 p.m. This is a beginner's class and will run for eight weeks.

The three-part class, "Poker 101," will begin Oct. 9. The first class will focus on basic poker (how to play, how to bet, what wins, etc.). The second class on Oct. 16 will be about Texas Hold'em. The third class on Oct. 23 will be on how to play in a tournament. All classes are at 7 p.m.

Coming in November, the center will host two classes on wine tasting: "How To Pick a Boutique Wine for Appetizers" and "Dessert Wines with Chocolate." All classes are free of charge, but you do need to register.

Call 744-2451, ext. 121, for details and to sign up.

Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted.* Phone 744-2451 ext. 121.

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1 to 4 p.m., Bridge. Call to sign up.

RESIDENTS, 8 AM to 5 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY Monday 6:10 p.m., Yoga at the rec center.*

Senior Wednesdays Check the Web site for details* 6:10 p.m., Yoga at the rec center.* Wednesday Thursdays 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Low Impact Aerobics. \$2 per class. Kansas Sports Museum: Line Drives & Lipstick* Oct 4., 11 a.m.

Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m. Potluck dinner with Sedgwick County Fire Department Bridge 101 class Oct. 7, 7 p.m. Yoga class at the rec center* Oct. 8, 6:10 p.m. Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m. Natural Cleansing seminar 7 p.m. Poker 101 class, part 1 Oct. 12, 2 p.m. National Health Foundation Singles movie and lunch* (call for time and title) TBAOct. 13, 7 p.m. Single seniors dine out* (call for location) Oct. 14, 11 a.m. Stretching and moving for seniors with Dr. Gregory 6:30 p.m. Advisory Board meeting Bridge 101 class 7 p.m. Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m. Lunch and senior Wednesday event* Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Poker 101 class, part 2 Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m. Quilting class Oct. 21, 7 p.m. Bridge 101 class Sedgwick County health van (flu shots, etc.) Oct. 22, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bunko

7 p.m. Oct. 23-26 Tallgrass Film Festival* Channel 7 group Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Pawsitive Bel Aire Bridge 101 class 7 p.m. How to dispose of old prescriptions Oct. 30, 2;30 p.m.

7 p.m. Poker 101 class, part 3 Oct. 31, 6 p.m. Final Friday*

Potluck dinner with the president of Alternative Gifts Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. International

NOTE FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT

If you have changed your work or home phone numbers, please notify the Water Department of your new numbers in case we need to get in touch with you about water or sewer.

City Council/Court

Oct. 1, 7 p.m. Oct. 7, 7 p.m. Oct. 16, 12:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

responded to a larceny from auto in the 4900 block of North Wood-

Sept. 15 — Officer McGuire stopped a vehicle in the 5000 block of North Oliver. He found the driver, Jason Goldston, was driving on a cancelled Colorado driver's license.

Sept. 15 — Officer McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department at

37th North and Woodlawn. Sept. 15 — Officer McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department at

35th North and Greatplains. **Sept. 15** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North

Sept. 15 — Officer Hutton and Sgt. Spencer responded to an audible alarm in the 4700 block of North

Sept. 14 — Officer Brandewiede stopped a vehicle at North

Woodlawn and Crestmark. Sept. 14 — Officer Brandewiede assisted Kechi Police Department with an audible alarm in the

430 block of North Shawnee. Sept. 14 — Officer Toomey assisted a motorist in the 5100 block of North Oliver.

Sept. 13 — Officer Hazelwood arrested Laurie Cunningham in the 5000 block of East Willow Point on a Bel Aire warrant.

Sept. 13 — Officer Hutton reported that Wichita Police Department arrested Jennifer Crowe on a Bel Aire warrant.

Sept. 13 — Officer McGuire responded to a stolen property report in the 6600 block of East Central

Sept. 13 — Officer McGuire responded to a report of possession of marijuana in the 6600 block of East Central Park Ave.

Sept. 13 — Officers McGuire and Cantrell assisted Kechi Police Department in the 230 block of East Kodiak.

Sept. 13 — Officers Hazelwood and Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4900 block of North Farmstead.

Sept. 13 — Officer Hutton responded to a disturbance in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff.

Sept. 13 — Officer Steele assisted Kechi Police Department with a 911 hang-up call in the 330 block

Sept. 13 — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of 37th North.

Sept. 12 — Officer Pentecost worked a motor vehicle accident in

the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. Sept. 12 — Officer McGuire stopped a vehicle driven by Shalana Daugherty in the 6500 block of East 45th North. Officer issued her a citation for an expired tag and for driving with a suspended license.

Sept. 12 — Officer Pentecost assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a non-injury accident at 77th North and Greenwich.

Sept. 12 — Officer Pentecost responded to a traffic complaint at 45th North and Kruger.

Sept. 12 — Officer McGuire checked for a suspicious person at 47th North and Hedgerow.

Sept. 12 — Officer McGuire assisted Kechi Police Department with

Sept. 12 — Officer Cantrell responded to a loud party complaint at Stratford and Danbury.

Sept. 12 — Officer Hutton responded to an animal complaint in the 4000 block of North Parkwood. Sept. 12 - Officer Steele re-

sponded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North. **Sept. 11** — Officer Pentecost responded to a larceny from auto

call in the 7100 block of East 45th Sept. 11 — Officer Cantrell reported that the Wichita Police De-

partment arrested Debra Arbuckle on a Bel Aire warrant. Sept. 11 — Officer Cantrell ar-

rested Kati Clevenger was arrested on a Bel Aire warrant. **Sept. 10** — Officer Pentecost

responded to a larceny from vehicle in the 4300 block of Rushwood

Sept. 10 — Officers McCaslin

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and Hazelwood responded to an auto theft in 4200 block of Eagle Lake Court.

Sept. 10 — Sqt. Spencer took a miscellaneous report from the 4100 block of Danbury.

Sept. 10 — Officer Hazelwood stopped a vehicle in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake that had been reported stolen in a connecting case. He arrested the driver, Tracy L. Holt, on a charge of driving with a suspended license and two Sedg-

wick County warrants. **Sept. 10** — Sqt. Griggs assisted Wichita Police Department with a possible DUI heading north from 2100 N. Rock Road. He observed the suspect vehicle at 5300 N. Webb Road and stopped it at 6100 N. Webb Road. Officer arrested the driver, Jimmy R. Williams, on charges of DUI and driving with a suspended license.

Sept. 10 — Officer Pentecost responded to a parking complaint at 37th North and Hillcrest.

Sept. 9 — Officers Foxx and Pentecost arrested Gary A. Thompson in the 11700 block of East Waterman on a Bel Aire warrant.

Sept. 9 — Officer Swanson reported the Kingman County Sheriff's office arrested Jeremy D. Jay on a Bel Aire warrant.

Sept. 9 — Officer Hazelwood took an assault report at 7651 E.

Sept. 9 — Officer Hutton arrested William J. Lewis Jr. in the 4600 block of North Farmstead on

a Bel Aire warrant **Sept. 9** — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4600 block of

North Farmstead Court. Sept. 9 — Sqt. Griggs and Officer Cantrell assisted Wichita Police Department with an armed robbery in the 3500 block of North Rock

Sept. 9 — Officer Steele took a larceny report at Brookstone and

Sept. 9 — Officer Steele checked on an abandoned vehicle

in the 6200 block of 44th North. Sept. 9 — Officer Steele responded to a loud animal complaint in the 4400 block of North Rush-

Sept. 8 — Officer Brandewiede worked an injury accident at 53rd North and Oliver.

Sept. 8 — Officer Steele responded to a vandalism report in 5200 block of East 48th North.

Sept. 8 — Sgt. Spencer worked motor vehicle accident in the 5000 block of East 45th North.

Sept. 8 — Officer Hutton assisted Kechi Police Department with a criminal use of weapon call in the 3000 block of East 61st North.

Sept. 8 — Officer Toomey reported the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office arrested Jamal Rolfe-Murray on a Bel Aire warrant.

Sept. 8 — Officer Toomey stopped a vehicle in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. He found the driver, Shalana Daugherty, was driving on a suspended license. Officer issued Daugherty citations, gave her a court date and released

Sept. 8 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Per-

Sept. 8 — Officer Hutton and Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS at 40th North and Harding. Sept. 8 — Officer Hutton assist-

ed Wichita Police Department with a non-injury accident in the 3600 block of North Woodlawn.

Sept. 8 — Officers Steele and

Brandewiede worked an injury accident at 53rd North and Oliver. Sept. 8 - Officer Steele responded to a report of a dog-at-

large in the 5900 block of East Sept. 8 — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious person

with a weapon call in the 1300

block of East 61st North. **Sept. 7** — Officers Steele and Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with an audible alarm in the 590 block of North Creektrail.

Sept. 7 — Officer Steele checked for a suspicious person in the 5200 block of East 48th North.

Sept. 7 — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 400 block of East Kodiak.

Sept. 7 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

Sept. 7 — Officer Foxx assisted citizen in the 4900 block of North

Sept. 6 - Officer Steele reported that the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office arrested Cherokee Vargas-Pribble on a Bel Aire war-

Sept. 6 — Officer Pentecost checked on a suspicious person in the 6100 block of Quail Ridge

Sept. 6 — Officer Hutton worked a motor vehicle accident at 45th North and Woodlawn.

Sept. 6 — Officer Cantrell arrested Gilbert Alvarez in the 5300 block of North I-135 on a Bel Aire bench warrant **Sept. 6** — Officers Cantrell and

Brandewiede arrested Gloria Araiza

in the 6300 block of East 37th North on a charge of DUI. **Sept. 6** — Officers Pentecost and Steele responded to an audible

alarm in the 6200 block of East Crestmark.

Sept. 6 — Officers Hutton and Hazelwood assisted Wichita Police Department with an injury accident at K-96 and Woodlawn.

Sept. 6 — Officers Hutton and Hazelwood checked welfare in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor.

Sept. 6 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Clarendon. **Sept. 6** — Officer Hazelwood

assisted Park City police Department with a disturbance in the 920 block of East Connolly. **Sept. 6** — Officer Steele checked

for a suspicious person in the 5200 block of East 48th North. **Sept. 5** — Officer Pentecost as-

sisted a motorist in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn. **Sept. 5** — Officer Hazelwood

checked on a suspicious person at Auburn and Flagstaff. **Sept. 4** — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 6500 block of

East 45th North. **Sept. 4** — Officer Brandewiede assisted EMS in the 6400 block of

East 45th North. **Sept. 3** — Officer Pentecost arrested Ronald Hill on a Wichita

bench warrant. **Sept. 3** — Officer Foxx arrested Edwin Onkeo on a commitment or-

der for original charges of driving with a suspended license. **Sept. 3** — Officer Cantrell reported that Wichita Police Depart-

ment arrested Paul Mangers on a Bel Aire warrant. **Sept. 3** — Officer Hazelwood responded to a disturbance in the

6200 block of East 37th North. **Sept. 2** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Patrick Leach on a Bel Aire bench warrant.

Sept. 2 — Officers Pentecost and Brandewiede arrested Bryan Carter on two Sedgwick County

warrants and two Wichita war-

Sept. 2 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a larceny in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

Sept. 2 — Officers Hazelwood and Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake.

Sept. 2 — Officer Hazelwood checked the welfare of a citizen in the 5900 block of North 123rd

Sept. 2 — Officer Hutton assisted Wichita Police Department with a non-injury accident in the 2300 block of North Woodlawn.

Sept. 2 — Officer Hutton removed a traffic hazards from the road at Quail Ridge and Wood-

Sept. 2 — Officer Pentecost assisted Kechi Police Department in the 5500 block of North Wood-

Sept. 1 — Officer McGuire responded to a simple assault in the 5200 block of East Ashton Court. **Sept. 1** — Officer McGuire

checked on an abandoned vehicle in the 4900 block of North Wood-Sept. 1 — Officer Toomey as-

sisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Farmstead. **Sept. 1** — Officers Toomey and Hutton assisted the fire depart-

ment in the 5300 block of East 46th **Sept. 1** — Officer Hutton

checked on a suspicious person in the 9000 block of East 53rd North. **Sept. 1** — Officer Hutton assist-

ed Kechi Police Department in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. Sept. 1 — Officer Brandewiede removed an inoperable vehicle blocking the road at 45th North and

Aug. 31 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 31 — Officer Hutton checked on an abandoned vehicle in the 5600 block of North Webb.

Aug. 31 — Officer Hutton assisted Wichita Police Department at 13th North and Ohio in Wichita. Aug. 31 — Officer McGuire as-

sisted a motorist in the 4500 block of North Dundee. Aug. 30 — Officers McGuire and McCaslin responded to a complaint

of a loud party in the 5900 block of East 45th North. Aug. 30 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's

Office at K-254 and Webb Road. **Aug. 30** — Officers Hazelwood and Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's office with an injury accident at Perryton and Wood-

Aug. 29 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS and fire in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

Aug. 29 — Officer Hazelwood notified the guardians of a found runaway in the 6100 block of Quail

Aug. 29 — Sqt. Griggs checked on a suspicious person at 37th North and Woodlawn.

Aug. 28 — Officer Pentecost stopped a vehicle for having an expired tag in the 6300 block of East 37th North. He arrested Thomas Fitzgerald on a Sedgwick County

Aug. 28 — Officer McGuire responded to a simple assault in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake

Aug. 28 — Officer McGuire stopped a vehicle for failing to stop for a stop sign in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. He arrested the driver, Jeffrey Jones, on a charge

Aug. 28 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 5800 block of Hanover.

Aug. 28 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4900 block of Hillcrest.

Aug. 27 — Officer Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4500 block of

North Rock Road. **Aug. 27** — Officer Hazelwood stopped a vehicle in the 6000 block of E 45th North for failing to signal. He arrested the driver, Michael

Fredrickson, on a Bel Aire warrant. Aug. 27 — Officers Hazelwood and McCaslin assisted Wichita Police Department at Towne East

Aug. 27 — Officer Pentecost assisted EMS at 45th North and Rock Road. Aug. 27 — Officer Pentecost

was assisted Kechi Police Department at 61st North and Hillside. Aug. 26 - Officer Steele re-

sponded to a report of damage to property in the 4400 block of North Aug. 26 — Sgt. Spencer assist-

ed Wichita Police Department with an injury accident at 37th North and Woodlawn.

Aug. 26 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

Aug. 26 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita Police Department in the 4100 block of Clarendon.

Aug. 26 - Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 6200 block of East Quail Ridge. Aug. 26 - Officer Foxx re-

sponded to an audible alarm in the 5100 block of East 48th North. Aug. 26 - Officer Hutton as-

sisted Kechi Police Department in the 330 block of West Tomahawk. Aug. 25 — Officer Toomey assisted Kechi Police Department with

a traffic stop. Aug. 25 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm at Bob Aug. 25 — Officer Swanson took

report of a larceny that occurred at 37th North and Woodlawn. Aug. 25 — Officer Hutton removed a pile of limbs and brush from the road in the 8700 block of

Aug. 24 - Officer McGuire reported that Wichita Police Department arrested Trev D. Williams on a Bel Aire warrant.

East 53rd North.

Aug. 24 — Officer Hutton as-

sisted a citizen with a stalled vehicle at Central Park and Woodlawn.

Aug. 24 — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist in the 6500 block of East 53rd North.

Aug. 24 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4700 block of North

Aug. 24 — Officers Steele and Foxx responded to an audible alarm

in the 6500 block of East Rodeo. Aug. 23 — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. He arrested Donald Marshall Jr. on a charge of driving with a revoked license and on three

Sedgwick County warrants. Aug. 23 - Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

Aug. 22 — Officer Pentecost responded to a hit-and-run non-injury accident in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor.

Aug. 22 - Officer Swanson reported that Wichita Police Department arrested James McGrath on a Bel Aire warrant.

Aug. 22 - Officer Hutton responded to a disorderly conduct call in the 4300 block of North Ea-

gle Lake Court. Aug. 22 — Officer Hazelwood arrested John Hennessy Jr. on a Bel

Aire warrant. Aug. 22 — Officers Pentecost and Steele responded to a shots fired call at 45th North and Edge-

Aug. 21 — Officer Swanson took an identity theft report from the 4800 block of East 44th North. Aug. 21 — Sgt. Spencer assist-

ed EMS with a simple assault in the 6100 block of Danbury. Aug. 21 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a burglary in the 4200

block of North Auburn.

Aug. 21 — Officer Cantrell reported that the Wichita Police Department arrested Buckus Robert on a Bel Aire warrant. Aug. 21 — Officer McGuire ar-

rested Joshua Patrick on a Bel Aire commit order. Aug. 21 — Officer Pentecost checked a residence in the 4800

block of East 44th North. Aug. 21 — Officer McGuire assisted a motorist in the 4500 block of North Edgemoor.

block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 21 — Officer McCaslin

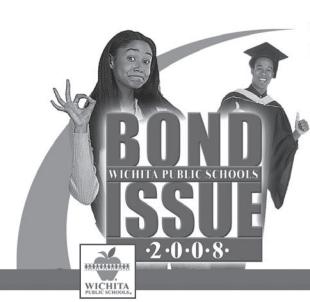
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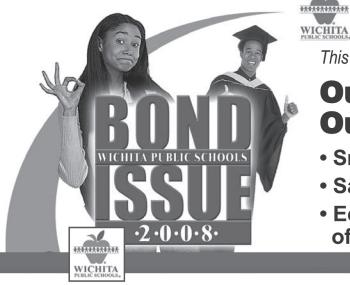
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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday services are at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside, across from Heights High School at 53rd North and Hillside, and on the Web at www.christ-lutheran. org. Call 744-1242 for details. The church e-mail address is office@clc.kscoxmail.com.

Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday with worship.

Lead pastor is Jeff Mullen. The church office phone is 361-0407, and their Web site is www.crossroadswichita.com.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church is located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita. Adult and children's Sunday school classes begin at 9:15

a.m. with worship service at 10:30. Michael Poage is the pastor. For more information, please call 682-1597 or visit our Web site at www.fairmountucc.

Grace Community Church

The church meets in the Park City Christian Church building at 2230 E. 61st North in Park City. The church's phone number is 755-3070. Their Web site is www.gccks. org and their e-mail address is mwthorne@gccks.org.

Kechi United Methodist

Sunday worship services are at 9:03 and 11, with Sunday school at 10 a.m.

Communion is offered at both worship services. Nursery is provided.

A dementia caregivers support group has been started at the church. The group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the

first Monday of every month, beginning July 7. For more information, contact Gayle Fisher at 260-8882 or Pat Falk at 744-8675.

Men's and women's Bible studies are at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

Exercise groups meet each week. Pilates are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Yoga is 6:30 p.m. at the Kechi City

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. is children's choir, with chancel choir at 7:30.

The church is located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, phone 744-1221, www.kechiumc.org. The e-mail address is kechiumc@sbcglobal.net. Guy E. Rendoff is pastor.

Park City Christian Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10. Bill Nestelroad is pastor of the church, located at 2230 E.

61st North. Phone is 744-0493 or 744-2091.

Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship and children's church is at 10:45

Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City. The phone number is 744-0000.

Pine Valley Christian Church

Located at 5620 E 21st North. Sunday school at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15.

For more information call 685-2421.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

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cil members' votes would have been needed to overturn the planning commission's ruling

and the citizen petition. Helen Duncan a resident of Bel Aire since 1965, spoke at the Sept. 2 meeting in opposition to the request.

"I think the planning commission has spoken. I think the property has not been cared for until this time," Duncan said. "This must not go through."

Other citizens expressed concerns dealing with increased traffic congestion, an oversized parking lot, too much water run-off and a general change in the feel of the community.

"They expressed that an ashram would change the look and feel of the community, something that would be completely different than the residences around it," Atteberry said, referencing comments from the Aug. 14 meeting.

Dave Sly made the motion to deny the request.

"It's not often we do hear from citizens but when we do it's always a treat, and I do enjoy getting to know their thoughts and their viewpoints," Sly said. "... Personally, I don't see how this will do anything but make that (traffic) situation

worse." No one from the foundation attended the council meeting to defend the request.

In other action Sept. 4, council members:

•Learned in the mayor's report that the Bel Aire Lions Club is getting started and looking for members and ideas for community projects. The group meets at noon on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Cornerstone Mortuary.

 Learned from City Administrator Ty Lasher that the automatic utility payment withdrawl system will be working in October. Anyone interested in participating in a September test run for the system may inquire about it at City Hall. Lasher also announced that the inaugural chamber of commerce meeting will be noon Sept. 5.

 Unanimously approved annual lighting and police service contracts for Sunrise Christian Academy's foot-

DEATHS

GLEN RALSTON

Glen D. Ralston, 87, father and father-in-law of Susan and Tom Jabara of BelAire, died Sept. 19, 2008. Viewing will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sept. 25 with visitation with family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m., both at the funeral home, Dunsford~Zeiner West Chapel, formerly Hillside of Augusta, 117 West Sixth in Augusta. Graveside service

will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 26 in Elmwood Cemetery in Augusta, off the Ohio Street entrance.

He was born in Augusta on June 26, 1921, the son of Ralph O. and Jennie Mc-Clure Ralston. He grew up on the family farm working alongside his dad and older brother, Clee. After graduating from Augusta High School and El Dorado Junior College, he enlisted in the

Army Air Corp in 1943. As a B-29 pilot with the 677th Squadron, 444th BG, 58th Wing of the 20th Air Force, he flew 30 combat missions from positions in India, on Tinian and China, including the "hump" 32 times.

Following the war, he received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Kansas State University. In 1948 he married Maxine Laughlin,

and they were married for 58 years. His work as a professional mechanical engineer in the oil refining and chemical industries took him to jobs in Lake Charles, La., St. Joseph, Mo. and Wichita before he retired in 1982 and returned to in Augusta.

He was preceded in death by his wife, son Steven and brother, Clee.

Other survivors are daughter and son-in-law Linda and

Terry Finn of Germantown, Tenn.: grandchildren Adam Finn of Knoxville, Tenn., Whitney Finn of Oxford, Miss., Jason and Cheryl Jabara and great-granddaughters Madelyn and Allison, Joshua and Sara Jabara and great-granddaughter Jenna all of Wichita.

A memorial has been established with Harry Hynes Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, Kansas 67202.

DAVID SMITH

David Lee Smith, 70, brother and brother-in-law of Ernestine and Clifford Normore of Bel Aire, died Sept. 10, 2008. He was a retired Tweco Products parts production employee. Service was Sept. 18 at St. Matthew CME.

Other survivors are a sister Gertrude Johnson of Wichita and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jackson Mortuary of Wichita had charge.

HIGHLIGHTS

Twelve area students received degrees from the University of Kansas following the 2008 summer session, according to Registrar Cindy

Jordan William Miller of Valley Center, the son of Jack and Frances Miller, received a bachelor of general science (history of art).

The following students from Wichita also received degrees during the summer session: Mary Josefa Bryde, daughter of Chris and Suzanne Byrde, bachelor of science in education (community health); Angela Christine Evers, daughter of Eddie Ziesch, master of science in architectural engineering; Matthew Randall Groom, son of Randall and Rebecca Groom, bachelor of arts in political science; Maria Ahmad, daughter of Basharat and Bushra Ahmad, bachelor of arts in East Asian language and cultures; Jillianne Nicole Bowsell, daughter of Mark and Mary Boswell, bachelor of general studies (English); Dana Joseph Hawkingson, certificate in internal medicine; Tiffany Marie Johnson, daughter of Zur and Jeanne Johnson, bachelor of science in business (finance); Peter J. Lau, son of Clell and Melody Solomon, bachelor of science in microbiology; Teran Ray Naccarato, son of Dr. David and Judy Naccarato, certificate in family practice; Jason Daniel Woolard, certificate in surgery and Janelle D. Yutzie, certificate in surgery.

Because KU conducts only one formal commencement ceremony each year, many of these graduates will return as members of the Class of 2009 to take part in commencement exercises May 17, 2009.

Katie Ann Withrow and Daniel Jacob Hayes have announced their engagement. She is the daughter of Lisa and Dr. Brian Withrow of Bel Aire, and he is the son of Lisa and John Hayes of Bel



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Daniel is a graduate of Heights High School. He attended Allen County Community College in Iola and Fort Hays State University in Hays. He works for Kansas Gas Service.

The wedding and reception will be Oct. 18, 2008, at the Grand Chapel in Wichita. The couple will honeymoon in Nassau, Bahamas, and reside in Valley Center.

Harley and Lynda Newland of Bel Aire celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 26 with a card shower.

Harley Newland and Lynda Addington were married Sept. 26, 1948, at Neodesha Christian Church in Neodesha. Rev. Sprague officiated the service. Harley retired in 1986

after 36 years of service as a repairmen installer for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Lynda retired in 1984 after nine years as assistant city clerk for the City of Sedgwick.

They have four children: Craig Newland, Stacy Leiker and Debra Newland, all of Wichita, and Paula and Carl Bone of Jefferson City, Mo. They have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to Harley and Lynda Newland at 4710 E. Eagles Landing Court, Wichita KS 67220.

††† Megan Dingwall and Veronica Mruk, both of

Wichita, graduated May 17 from Trininty University in San Antonio, Texas. Dingwall received a bachelor of science in biology and business administration. Mruk earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology

AA meetings will be from 8 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Jim James Memorial 101 Club, 2206 E. 101st North, Valley Center. For more information, call 755-9149.

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††† University United Methodist Church, 2220 N. Yale in Wichita, will have its Fall Festival on Oct. 18. A brisket dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. The church will hold an auction beginning at

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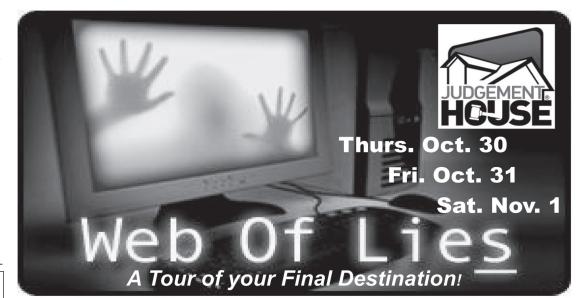
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HIGHLIGHTS

City endorses expanded rail

The Bel Aire City Council wants expanded passenger railroad service in Kansas.

The council voted 5-0 in September to accept an amended resolution endorsing passenger rail service to the area over the next 10 years. Several area city councils have considered the resolution.

"We are endorsing a (state) transportation plan that would consider funding for passenger rail service," said Mayor Harold Smith. "I have talked to several people who said rail service is extremely expensive.'

Smith said the resolution should only "consider" funding and not endorse the funding as state money could be taken away from state road funds Bel Aire

Council member Peggy O'Donnell agreed with Smith. The addition was made to Carolyn Marlier's

— The Breeze staff

City awards bid for Memphis

After receiving three bids from Lafarge-North American, APAC-Kansas Inc. and Cornejo & Sons Inc., the Bel Aire City Council decided in September to go with APAC upon the recommendation of City Administrator Ty Lasher to fix Memphis Street.

The bids ranged \$149,632 from APAC to \$202,649 from Lafarge.

The decision was made earlier this year to replace the worst part of Memphis Street, from Jamesville to approximately 170 feet west of Belmore," Lasher said. "We had \$180,000 budgeted to replace the road."

Lasher said he was surprised when two bids, APAC's and Cornejo's \$156,709 bid, actually came well under the budgeted amount.

Lasher said the bids were looked at closely by engineers to make sure everything needed to rebuild the road was in each of the contracts.

"When you have one that is \$50,000 higher, it makes you wonder, even though two came within \$6,000 of each other," Lasher said. "The engineers recommended the APAC bid, so the staff recommends we accept the bid as well."

The motion by Teresa Reynolds passed by a 5-0 vote.

- The Breeze staff

City fixing pumps at lift station

The Bel Aire City Council approved up to \$60,000 for two new pumps and one in need of repair at the lift station at 37th North and Harding on Sept. 2. "If these aren't working, we could have some major sewer backup problems," Lasher said. "This is something we have to do if we have the money to do it."

— The Breeze staff

Delegates chosen for LKM

City Administrator Ty Lasher and city council member Peggy O'Donnell were designated as the two voting delegates for the Oct. 11 through 14 League of Kansas Municipalities Conference. Carolyn Marlier and Mayor Harold Smith are alternate voters.

The Breeze staff

Employees to be recognized

The Bel Aire City Council approved an employee recognition program on Sept. 16. City employees will be recognized quarterly for going above and beyond their duty. Incentives to do well include four hours of vacation time for the employee. City Administrator Ty Lasher would appoint a three-person committee to evaluate candidates. Citizens are allowed to recommend candidates and a form will be put on the Bel Aire Web site for recommendations.

— The Breeze staff

Grant would help fund trail

City Administrator Lasher announced in September he was working on a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation to help fund a walking trail in the Central Park area. The grant, if approved, would pay for half of the proposed \$55,000 project. The trail would be five feet wide if the city gets the grant and the council approves of the project.

— The Breeze staff

Bel Aire celebrates grandparents

By Chris Hunter

In conjunction with National Grandparents Day, members of the Bel Aire Senior Center held a celebration for their families and those of others around the community.

Ice cream, games and birds were all the rave at the center as nearly 40 kids and their grandparents enjoyed some time together.

"This was a celebration of National Grandparents Day," said center director Gay Quisenberry. "We were glad to see some of the seniors who are involved in our organization bring their grandchildren. Normally all of our events are adult only, so this is a very special occasion."

Quisenberry and other seniors organized the event and set up games of ring toss, ball toss and coloring for the children.

The games included prizes for the children, but the most popular activity came from the



Eagle Valley Raptor Center director Ken Lockwood feeds a mouse to a Great Horned Owl at City Hall in Bel Aire for Grandparents Day celebrations.

Eagle Valley Raptor Center. "I think it is very fun to have games, prizes and ice creams, but it is fun for someone to

bring out live animals," Quisen-

Eagle Valley Raptor Center director Ken Lockwood brought in several birds of prey including a turkey vulture, kes-

berry said.

trel and three species of owls.

"We are funded by events like these," Lockwood said. "We also like teaching the kids about the birds. Wildlife is important."

Lockwood displayed the birds for the children and even fed them dead mice.

Both children and adults

were thrilled to see the birds. "I liked the birds," said Ainsley Stigler, 3.

Quisenberry said she thought the birds were important for the children and the adults.

"I thought it was very educational and beautiful birds," Quisenberry said. "I have many friends who like birds. I see a lot of birds around Bel Aire, now we know, if we find an injured bird we know where to

Quisenberry said she felt it was important for the children to get exposure to the animals and hoped to continue to bring in animals.

'Anytime we can expose them to something new, different that they don't necessarily get to participate in.," Quisenberry said. "Last year we had the zoo come out and bring hissing cockroaches. They were popular too, but I think this was even better. Hopefully we can keep our relationship going and he can come back.'

Dream

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Awad-Eljied, and watched the news, in Arabic.

"They showed two guys debating each other about who would be the best person to lead this country," Awad-Eljied said. "Those people had to prove to the nation who would lead the country the best. I was just glued to the TV."

The two men debating in the newscast were none other than U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Republican nominee Ronald Reagan.

They talked about a country where people could choose where they could lived," Awad-Eljied said. "I had never seen elections before."

Awad-Eljied was mesmerized by the images of America and his dream was launched.

Coming to America

Watching the television inspired the young Awad-Eljied.

"I want to live in that intry' I told my mother Awad-Eljied said. "She looked at me and said, 'Son, when you finish your school you will be there,' and that was one of the biggest motivations."

Awad-Eljied said he did not know how he would end up in America, but that his heart told him he would, no matter how many times his friends said he wouldn't.

After high school, Awad-Elijed traveled to Sana'a in Yemen, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics and political science.

During his third year, he began to set his dreams in mo-

"In my third year I started attending the American Center in Sana'a," Awad-Eljied said. "They have small booklets that were translated in Arabic. Every time I went in there I imagined I was in America."

Awad-Eljied said the booklets helped him gain general information about studying in the United States.

From the American Center, Awad-Eljied, along with his brother and professor's help,

applied to five universities in the United States. The first to respond was Wichita State University.

"I sent all of the information they required back to Wichita, but then I realized, I don't speak English," Awad-Eljied said. "I will learn,' I told myself. I believe, in this country, if you want to be somebody, you have to learn the language." After being accepted to

Wichita State, Awad-Eljied began to ask about Kansas. "I heard that it was the

perfect place for me and that the people were so humble," Awad-Eljied said. It took six months for Awad-

Eljied to get a visa get to the United States and 10 years from when he first dreamed of coming here.

Awad-Eljied said when he called his mother, with whom he is very close, to tell her, she was very proud.

After getting his ticket to the United States and being accepted into a master's program, Awad-Eljied left Yemen for very long flight to New York.

Awad-Eljied arrived with \$1,000, but he knew nobody in the country. However, he met with a cousin of a classmate. from Yemen where he stayed one night.

"He was a cab driver," Awad-Elijed said. "While he was driving, two teenagers began fighting. They started hitting each other and he said, 'Guys, you need to get out.' The girl came to driver side and the guy on the passenger side came at my side with big knife like Crocodile Dundee. Luckily, the driver saw this and hit the gas."

On the second day in America, Awad-Eljied got a job putting alarm tags in department store clothes.

"I thought, 'What a great country. America will never fail me," Awad-Eljied said. "However, if you want to learn English, New York is not the place for you."

After one year, Awad-Eljied took a Greyhound bus to Wichita.

Shortly after arriving at Wichita State, where he would go on to get a master's degree in economics and business management and mini-MBA, Awad-Eljied began intensive

English classes. He figured he needed to get a job to learn the language better. "I applied at McDonalds at

21st and Rock Road, cleaning floors and tables," Awad-Eljied said. "Within six months, I was a crew trainer and one year a manager."

Being a manager at McDonalds did not satisfy Awad-Eljied, who wanted to work for a bank, much to the discouragement of his roommates.

For two years Awad-Eljied called Emprise Bank each month looking for a part-time teller position. After passing a test and being interviewed, he started at Emprise. Within three years he was managing the bank.

Soon after, Awad-Eljied took over a Credit Union of America where he turned around the business.

'We led not only in production, but customer service," Awad-Eljied said. "I always believed in the Golden Rule: treat others as you wish to be

After a while, Awad-Eljied said he wanted to become a financial adviser. He got a job at Edward Jones in 2005.

"At Edward Jones, if yo open 120 accounts in one year you are a superstar," Awad-Eljied said. "I opened 240 accounts in the first year. I received the Golden Shovel, one of the most prestigious awards

Do you have...

from Edward Jones. Also I got a Bear and Bull statue because I was the leaderboard record holder. I broke every record they have.'

Awad-Eljied said his job is not just a job, but a dream.

Awad-Elijed said he believes in giving back to the community and teaches two classes at the Boys and Girls Club and gives financial seminars at churches and mosques.

"We are all going to depart from this life," Awad-Eljied said. "People will not remember what kind of house you have or what kind of car you drive, but how you make a dif-

The Wichita Business Journal wrote an article on Awad-Eljied and the Sudanese ambassador to the United States, John Ukec Lueth, who came to visit him in Wichita.

Awad-Eljied said he loves Bel Aire because of the people. He is president of the local Lions Club.

Awad-Eljied and his wife have two children, who were born in Kansas.

Recently, documentary filmmaker Sierra Scott featured Awad-Eljied in one of her pieces titled "American Dreams through Immigrants

The documentary will debut at 8 p.m. on Oct. 3 on PBS and will be replayed at 9 p.m. on Oct. 5.

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